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*Message from the
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An in-depth look at 1890 land-grant funding priorities

For more than 125 years, the 1890 land-grant universities have provided essential research education, Extension and public outreach that sustains U.S. food, fiber and renewable fuel production. The 1890s' outreach addresses many urgent and critical local, regional, national and global problems, particularly as these problems impact low-income people and underserved communities. Sections 1444 and 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 provided the basis for direct federal appropriations to support Cooperative Extension and agricultural research programs at the 1890 institutions.

This federal support constitutes the most significant funding source and reflects the federal-state partnership managed by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA's extramural science agency.

As members of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) of the Association of Public Land Grant Universities (APLU), the 1890 land-grant universities endorsed APLU's budget priorities regarding funding needs and the need to better integrate science and education programs into all of USDA's action and policy activities. The following priorities are specific to the 1890 land grant system:

- 1890 Capacity Funds for Research and Extension,
- 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program,
- 1890 Facilities Grants Program,
- The Carryover Equity Act for Cooperative Extension,
- The McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act of 1962 and
- Agriculture & Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

As reported in the June edition of *ARD Updates*, the House Appropriations Committee approved increased funding for the 1890 Capacity Funds for Research (Evans-Allen) by \$815,000 but did not approve an increase for 1890 Cooperative Extension.

The 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program and the

1890 Facilities Grants Program were funded at the FY 2018 levels. Funding for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act was increased by \$2,039,000 while funding for AFRI was increased by \$25,000,000.

Relative to the Senate Appropriations Committee, only McIntire-Stennis and AFRI received increases of \$2,039,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively. The 1890 Capacity Funds for Research and Extension, the 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program and the 1890 Facilities Grants Program were funded at FY 2018 levels.

Although the 1890 land-grant system did not receive its requested funding, we will, at a minimum, be funded at FY 2018 levels. Thus, we have to continue to look for private sources of funds to support the needs of our clientele.

In addition to the FY 2019 Congressional appropriations discussed above, a major bill of importance to the 1890 land-grant universities is the 2018 Farm Bill. The House (*Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018*) and the Senate (*Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018*) have now passed their versions of the Farm Bill. The staffs of the two agriculture committees will begin to make decisions such as timing for the joint conference process, the naming of conferees and whether the legislation will be taken up before or after November's mid-term elections. The ARD leadership will continue to keep you updated as the legislative process moves forward.

At this point, nine 1890 priorities are included in both versions of the Farm Bill. Representing the 1890 land-grant universities, Dr. Walter Hill, vice provost and dean of the College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences at Tuskegee University, provided testimonies to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees to:

- Reauthorize the 1890 Capacity Program at the authorized levels of not less than 20 percent of Smith-Lever funding for 1890 Extension and not less than 30 percent of Hatch for agricultural research,
- Reauthorize the 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program and the 1890 Facilities Grants Programs,
- Authorize the Carryover Equity Act to allow 1890

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White House reorganization plan may affect USDA agencies

On June 21, 2018, the director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Mick Mulvaney, announced that the Trump Administration would propose a dramatic reorganization of the federal government that will affect a number of functions within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other departments. **Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations** details the White House's plans.

According to documents released by the White House, the proposal would create a single food safety agency, reorganize the Health and Human Services Department into the Health and Public Welfare Department, and move the Supplemental Nutri-

tion Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) into that new department. It also would move rural housing assistance into the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The proposal also would merge the Departments of Education and Labor into an Education and the Workforce Department, and move the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works to the Transportation Department and the Interior Department. The Army Corps is responsible for the construction and maintenance of dams and ports used by agricultural exporters and importers.

A summary of the featured reorganization proposals can be found [here](#).

NIFA updates Federal Policy Guide

NIFA has revised its Federal Assistance Policy Guide (i.e., the Policy Guide), dated October 2014, to incorporate changes from the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200), NIFA terms and conditions, NIFA policies and procedures, and stakeholder feedback. NIFA Policy Guide Update schedule:

- NIFA requests stakeholder input on the updated draft. Stakeholders have seven weeks to review and provide feedback to NIFA. All comments must be submitted via email to policyguide@nifa.usda.gov by 5 p.m. EST, July 30, 2018. Comments and/or feedback from members of ARD, AEA or the 1890 Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture should be submitted to [Alton Thompson](#) or [Albert Essel](#).
- Please encourages stakeholders to collaborate, compile and submit reviews based on existing groups, such as regional organizations. The Policy Guide is 214 pages in length so the compiled reviews will allow us to better manage and address comments and more efficiently incorporate appropriate changes.
- After receiving feedback, NIFA will review submissions and make updates to the Policy Guide as necessary. The final updated Policy Guide is expected to be published in September 2018 and will be incorporated into the FY 2019 awards.

Additional information about the [NIFA Policy Guide update](#) can be found on the NIFA website.

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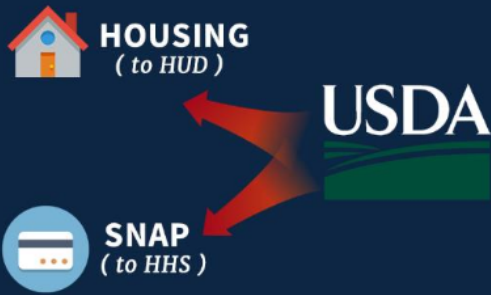
Extension to carryover 100 percent of previous year's funds, instead of 20 percent, to be consistent with the carryover provisions for other capacity programs such as Smith-Lever, Hatch and Evans-Allen,

- Reauthorize McIntire-Stennis,
- Reauthorize AFRI and increased funding at a level of \$418 million per year,
- Authorize the 1890 Centers of Excellence at a funding level of \$35 million per year,
- Reauthorized EFNET at its current level of \$90 million,
- Reauthorize the Outreach and Technical Assistance for Socially and Disadvantaged Farmers (Section 2501) at a level of not less than \$20 million per year,
- Authorize Student Scholarships for the 1890 Land Grant Universities at a level of \$19 million per year and
- Authorize funding to support an infrastructure program that leverages, federal, state and private sector funds and benefits local, state and national *interests (not included in either version of the 2018 Farm Bill)*.

When the conferees are named to reconcile these differences, the 1890 community will advocate as necessary on nine of our 10 priorities that will be considered in the joint conference process. We are optimistic about our proposed authorizations and reauthorizations with two exceptions, although the appropriators may have different opinions of the funding levels. In their version of the 2018 Farm Bill, the House approved a New Nutrition Education Program to replace the existing EFNEP and SNAP-ED programs for low-income families. The new program lists 1890 and 1862 land-grant universities as authorized institutions to receive funds. The Senate Farm Bill keeps EFNEP and SNAP-ED programs intact and it is not certain how this major difference will be reconciled. Meanwhile, 1890 Extension is moving forward with developing plans to implement this new programmatic structure, in anticipation of the outcome of the joint conference process.

Second, we are hopeful that the student scholarships will be authorized because of the need to increase the number of young African-American individuals seeking a career in the food and agricultural sciences. Agriculture critically needs a steady supply of diverse individuals with modern agricultural and scientific knowledge and training to support the agricultural industry and R&D enterprise.

I look forward to working with you and our colleagues in the 1890 system as we work through the final stages of approving the 2018 Farm Bill. The 2018 Farm Bill will give us authorization to invest in our universities and in the future of our communities and the people, we serve. We must remain vigilant.



2019 ARD Research Symposium

The 1890 Research Agenda: Making Critical Contributions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture

March 31- April 3, 2019 | Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL

Registration:

Early registration begins soon and is **\$500** per participant. Early

Regular registration—Nov. 10, 2018-Feb. 24, 2019, **\$525**.

Late registration—Feb. 25-March 24, 2019, **\$575**.

On-site registration—**\$600**.

[Registration](#) can be paid by purchase order, check or credit card. (an additional fee to cover the bank charges.)

[Hotel Registration](#)—Hotel Guest Room Rates:

Single and Double Occupancy: \$159 |

Triple Occupancy: \$184 | Quadruple Occupancy: \$209

[Tax and Surcharges](#): 7% State of Florida Sales Tax; 6% Transient Sales, and 1% City Surcharge (subject to change). Cut off March 8, 2019.

Abstracts and Posters:

Deadline for abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be Nov. 21. Instructions for formatting and electronic submission will be on the symposium website. Also on the website is the evaluation instrument that will be used to judge the competitive poster and oral presentations. The information is helpful in developing the presentation content and should be used to prepare students for their presentations. Abstracts guidelines must be strictly followed and if not followed, the submission will be rejected. For each campus, abstract guideline adherence is the responsibility of the research director or his/her designee.

Judges for posters and oral competitions and session moderators will be needed and each director is asked to submit names and contact information electronically for those willing to serve in these capacities. [Access the form here.](#)

Morrison-Evans and Mayberry Awards

The application deadline for the Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award and the B.D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award is Jan. 18, 2019. External reviewers, i.e., NIFA national program leaders will evaluate the applications. Access the [application here.](#)

Special Sessions and Workshop Deadline

The application deadline for the Special Sessions and Workshops on selected topics deemed appropriate to the 1890 community is Dec. 7. Please submit a one-page abstract to Dr. Alton Thompson, ARD executive director, at athompson1@ncat.edu. These abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the Symposium Steering Committee to judge the merits of the proposed sessions. A decision will be communicated to you by Dec. 17.

Displays| Exhibitors

Each 1890 campus is invited to display a university display at no cost. Additional exhibits and non-1890 exhibits must pay the **fee of \$2,000 by Feb. 8, 2019.** All exhibitors, including the 1890s, must submit the Exhibit Registration Form by the deadline of Feb. 8. To become an exhibitor, [click here.](#)

To become a sponsor, [click here.](#)

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Joint Committee Release Rural Report

On June 20, 2019, the Democrats on the House-Senate **Joint Economic Committee** (JEC) released a report on the needs of rural America and promised to push Congress to invest more in rural America. *Investing in America* is the title of their report. A copy of this report can be found [here](#).

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APPOINTMENT

DR. JOSHUA RINGER, has been named Associate Extension Administrator, School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at Langston University.



ARD CALENDAR

ESS-AES-ARD FALL MEETING

Oct. 1-3, Lincoln, NE

The registration is now open for the 2018 Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop. Meeting [registration site and preliminary agenda](#). Hotel [information and reservations](#). A block of rooms has been reserved for Oct. 1 –3. The special room rate of \$129/night will be available until Sept. 11 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Group Name: Experiment Station Section 2018 | Group Code: EXP Check-in: Oct. 1, Check out Oct. 3 Embassy Suites by Hilton Lincoln, 1040 P St. Lincoln, NE, 68508 Phone Number: 402 473 1111

APLU 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

New Orleans, LA, Nov. 11-13.

Register today for APLU's 2018 Annual Meeting, the premier gathering of senior leaders from public research universities, land-grant institutions and state university systems. No other meeting in higher education brings together such a diverse array of public university presidents, chancellors and other senior leaders. Join us as we tackle the challenges facing public universities. The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is *Resilience*. The meeting sessions will explore the capacity of universities, their communities and partners to adapt and thrive no matter what stresses or acute shocks they experience. [Click for more information](#).



2019 SOUTHERN REGION MINI LAND-GRANT MEETING

March 18-21, 2019 | Coral Springs, FL | Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Spring Hotel

The Southern Region of the U.S. has abundant opportunity as well as some enduring challenges in ensuring a safe and profitable food system, community and individual economic vitality and a healthy citizenry. The 2019 Southern Region Mini Land-Grant Meeting brings together leaders from seven groups from both 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant universities to explore avenues for improving the roles of each group and Land-Grant functions as a whole. [Click for more information](#).